U. of Montana skiers dominate college meet

BANFF — The University of Montana made a clean sweep of the 27th running of the International Intercollegiate ski meet, winning top spots in each of the four events and an easy victory in the combined title.

Montana skiers won the cross-country, slalom, giant slalom and jumping events to win the meet by a comfortable edge over its closest competitor the University of British Columbia.

A distant third was the University of Alberta.

The meet finished Sunday with Montana taking the top three spots in the jumping competition. Rick Schlaefli of Montana won the Nordic combined title for his performance in the cross-country and jumping events, and teammate Bruce Maxwell won the slalom combined with victories in the giant slalom Friday and the slalom Saturday.

J. Brenneckenbock of Montana placed first in the 16.5 mile cross-country race Friday while Maxwell won the giant slalom. Maxwell came back with a win in the slalom Saturday and team mate Allen Anderson won the jumping event Sunday.

The jumps were held on Mt. Norquay’s Olympic standard and 100-metre jump. Anderson was awarded 194.8 hill points judged on form and distance. He was followed by team mates Tom Zachary with 193.1 and Rick Schlaefli with 190.6.

In the slalom Saturday, Montana’s Maxwell ran the 61-gate, two-run course in a combined time of 94.9 seconds. It was enough to edge for the seventh Canadian National team performer Dan Irwin of University of British Columbia, who finished with 196.5.

The most attractive event was the University of Western Canada and the Western United States. Missing from this year’s competition were the University of Denver and the University of Oklahoma. Both teams were competing in ski competitions in the U.S.

Technical arrangements, timing and competing were handled by the Banff Ski Runners.

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The SKI SCENE

By JOHN GORMAN

Women’s lib is a perfectly valid campaign within certain limitations. Female jockeys, hockey players and football players will do nothing but good for the sports they represent.

But skiing? . . . that’s going too far.

Jumping coach, Roy Anderson of Banff, sometimes known as the Viking Prince, a carryover from his days as a jumper with the Sons Of Norway, has a 15-year-old Canmore girl on his jumping team.

And not only is she jumping, she is also winning . . . in competition with boys. Sheila Burns placed first in the novice division of the B.C. jumping championships at Revelstoke a couple of weeks ago.

Roy says she is “super keen” and has plenty of ability.

The prospect of a female jumping champion has frightening implications for the male competitors.

It’s all must of them can do to look down the in run of
Kite flyers irked by ban at Banff

BANFF, Alta. (CP) - A group of kite flyers were angered during the weekend when their aerial stunts were interpreted as violating the National Parks Act.

The kite flyers were part of the entertainment for the Banff Winter Festival and their stunts were advertised in the local media. They were soon met with protests by the Parks Canada authorities.

Muller said he switched to a kite with no markings and was told he could be prosecuted for flying across the Trans-Canada Highway. He was told that the kite should not violate the Parks Act because the Ministry of Transport has jurisdiction in the air.

Parks officials then relayed a message to the M. Norquay ski management that persons carrying kites with writing on them were not permitted on the railroad tracks, which is their method of getting to the top of the mountain.

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The kites are only concentrated where there is no ground traffic. Muller and the M. Norquay ski management have a dispute over the matter.

House Peak - This is the kind of high country open to the skiers.

How do you take an old fashioned ski tour? Put on old skis and off you go across the hills! Well, perhaps it's not quite that simple. To explain: there really isn't any difference between ski touring a few years ago...
Copter to height of ski

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$85 per week depending on the month. This includes transportation to and from Calgary to the staging area, helicopter trips, seven full days' accommodations at the Bugaboo Lodge and 70,000 vertical feet of skiing. Ski weeks run from December 8 to 20, 1972.

You get to Calgary on your own. From there, you are taken to the lodge by a chartered bus. A modern, three-story building owned by the Canadian Mountain Holidays offers a rustic but exceedingly comfortable decor. Maximum accommodation here is 36 people, so skii groups are split into four groups of nine each with a guide per group.

After a day of skiing 10,000 vertical feet, breathing crisp mountain air and tanning in bright sun, hot showers and a sauna await you.

At the end of the day you'll be dead tired but glowing with a keen sense of accomplishment unmatched by any other kind of skiing. Apres-ski life simply means Calgary, liquor, plane. That's it.}

MOUNT NORQUAY
Mount Norquay is just three miles from town. Norquay is a good test for those looking for a challenging run through some famous Rocky Mountain powder.

Rams such as the Lone Pine, North American have earned respect among the skiing fraternity but sometimes over shadow the fact that Norquay has excellent novice-intermediate terrain on its Stoney Spaw and Washbone Trails.

This year Norquay has added another chairlift to bring the total to two chairlifts, two T-bars, one handle-lift, one rope-ski, and a mile-fox service the 1,350-foot vertical drop.

Sunshine Village
Only 10 miles from Banff, Sunshine Village offers a variety of activities including downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and sleigh rides.

Sunshine Village, as always, received its share of the blizzard, in fact a total of 7" in the same period. As a matter of interest, Sunshine has received 520" so far this season, well on its way to its average snowfall of 6'00".

Our latest snowfall has put the final touches on the slopes of Sunshine Village, already in the countdown phase for the beginning of their Winter Festival scheduled for February 10th through the 18th.

For further information, please contact Patrice McCann, Public Relations Co-ordinator, Banff/Lake Louise Chamber of Commerce, 782-2777 (office) 782-3324 (home).
Kite flyers grounded until further notice

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — A squadron of kite flyers was grounded during the weekend when their aerial stunts were interpreted as violating the National Parks Act.

The kite flyers were part of the entertainment for the Banff Winter Festival and until their act was shot down, they took off from the top of Mt. Norquay, the slopes and soared to the valley floor near the base of the mountain.

Kite flyer Will Muller of Calgary said he is still confused about the reason for the ban.

"At one stage I was threatened with prosecution because my kite had "Pass" printed on it and later I was threatened with prosecution because my kite was "too close to the Trans-Canada highway."

Muller argued commercial aircraft fly off the mountain and the Trans-Canada highway and are plainly marked with corporate identification numbers.

"I don't understand what is wrong with flying a kite. It doesn't cause any problems, it doesn't make any noise, it doesn't pollute the air and it doesn't cause any traffic congestion."

A police officer apparently asked when Mr. Muller was told he could fly his kite and Muller replied, "The name of a Banff restaurant."
MORE JUMPS SLATED

Several meets remain on the calendar for Western Canadian ski jumpers, with the Trans-Am meet at Baffin ending the season, March 26th and 27th.

Other events include the Prince George Open Jump, sponsored by the Hickory Wing Ski Club, this weekend; the Vancouver City Championship on Mount Seymour, sponsored by the Sons of Norway Ski Club, March 17th and 18th, and on the same weekend; the Canadian Junior Championships at Ottawa.

CALGARY — The Canadian Forces ski jumping championships will be hosted by 1 Combat Group/Canadian Forces Base Calgary from Feb. 26 to March 2, at Mt. Norquay and Tunnel Mountain, Banff, and the Searce Training Area, Calgary.

Alpine events will take place at Mt. Norquay, the downhill on Feb. 27, the slalom on Feb. 28 and the giant slalom on March 1 and 2.

NORTHWESTERN SKI REPORTS

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Games will help

Residents of Lethbridge and surrounding districts of Southern Alberta are rejoicing in the bonfires which have come to be known as the 1973 Canada Winter Games awarded them recently by the federal government.

The two main beneficiaries of the $1.2 million in federal spending appear to be the City of Lethbridge and the sking and winter-recreation resort west of Pincher Creek known as West Castle.

The decision is a good one for several reasons, the most important of which is a perceivable public sentiment towards the Games places an immediate low-key tone to the proceedings which seems to occur with public sentiment on such matters.

There is no longer any widespread yearning on the part of most Calgarians to call attention to themselves, so the decision to pump some development capital into a town the size of Lethbridge may have the ultimate effect of stoking off growth and development from larger cities. Growth and petty promotion programs no longer have the same appeal for cities the size of Edmonton or Calgary as they once did.

The assignment of West Castle as the base for the skiing events will have more

Alberta school

EDMONTON — His Imperial Highness Prince Mahendo, 38, second in line to the throne of Ethiopia, is Edmonton's student prince.

His early life in Ethiopia, he said, The has sexual attraction since 1967, added in his country's problems.

"We have a system which on things as drugs and we have a force which controls things."

Star trouble newspapers, television.
Guide to heli-skiing

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By Bryan Tastad

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**Forces ski events begin next week**

True professionals of the sport of skiing — members of the Canadian Armed Forces whose training emphasizes the possibility of fighting under Arctic conditions — will compete for Forces championships in several divisions at Mount Norquay, Lake Louise and Sunshine for the first time in history.

Competitors will come from military bases across Canada as well as from training centers in Europe.

Two groups of competitions will be staged — Alpine and Nordic. The most unusual of all is a 15-kilometer military patrol race in which competitors will mix skiing with marksmanship. Competitors carry half military equipment, including rifles, with marksmanship part of the test conducted on Sarec ranges.

The program at Mount Norquay will start Tuesday, at 8 a.m. with competitions for the North American run. Other events are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

In the Nordic division at Lake Louise, a 15-kilometer race will be run on Monday, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., relays Tuesday and the Military Patrol race Thursday.

Competitors will take part in training runs this weekend prior to the competitions with military buses taking competitors to the mountain ski areas each morning and returning in the afternoon. The same type of shuttle will be operated during the competitions.

The tents and headquarters tents will be set up at Mount Norquay and the military will also set up field kitchens for the large number of competitors. Operation of the entire meet is in the hands of the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, stationed at Curtis Barracks.

**Hiking honeymoon**

Moppping out a trail in the breathtaking countryside around Lake Louise in Banff National Park, Alberta, these hiking honeymooners and their guide are surrounded by some of the typical scenery of the area. Banff is the third largest of Canada's national parks, and lies in the heart of the Rockies, west of Calgary.

**It isn't Aspen, but it's improving every year**

The ski scene is nowhere without the after ski scene.

If you don't believe that, you might be convinced by watching the movements of Calgary skiers. (The movements?!) Everybody knows there are good places to ski that have trouble attracting skiers. The quality of the skiing has very little to do with it. Skiers like to be where skiers are.

And in the Calgary context that means Banff.

In casual conversation you hear all kinds of references to long lift lines, crowded slopes, high prices and the whole run of critical minutiae.

But have a look at the following week and the same people are right back having a good time.

By
THE ALBERTA MOUNTAIN

Mount Norquay: everybody and the Alberta — the own with the world

By M...

BACK in 1887 the Canadian government set aside a vast tracts of mountain territory to be kept in perpetuity for present and future generations of Canadians to enjoy. This was Rocky Mountains National Park, now known as the Banff National Park.

voyages et touristes
Dans les Rocheuses
Ski sans frontière

Le mot est dans l'air, et Banff, à l'extrême ouest de la province canadienne de l'Alberta, jouit d'un enneigement exceptionnel, et propose aux skieurs ses trois grands stations aux pistes poudrées, dont l'endroit de la pente abrupte pour skiers accrochée à la pente douce pour débutants et aux vastes cirques couverts de neige poudreuse, le tout dans l'un des plus magnifiques paysages de l'Amérique du Nord.

A la suite de l'enneigement record de l'année dernière, le Banff Springs Hotel, semblable à un château sur les hauteurs des Rocheuses canadiennes, vient d'ouvrir ses portes aux skieurs. Il abonne, dans son image d'hôtel rénové, à l'espace des habitués, au moment où les gens sont de plus en plus nombreux à découvrir ce qu'est le ski dans les parcs nationaux de Banff et Jasper.

Les techniciens discutaient et...

De leur côté les moniteurs de ces nouvelles méthodes en profitent public. N'est-ce pas là le but premier de l'Alliance des moniteurs? Nous désirons avant tout que le skieur moyen apprenne mieux, skier et ce, le plus rapidement possible.

Lors de ce séminaire, l'on remarquait la présence de Ken Baker de Canmore en Colombie Britannique, directeur des stages des moniteurs ainsi que ses adjoints Michel Murphy et Bob Prud'homme.

Etaient également présents: Georges Vigeant, directeur de l'école de ski du Mont Tremblant, Linda Crutchfield de-Aviia, Pierre Verrot de Belle Neige et Conrad Guay du Manoir Pina...
Le Québec a une balance touristique positive vis-à-vis du reste du Canada

En 1971, les échanges touristiques interprovinciaux se sont soldés au Québec par un excédent global de 3 millions et demi de dollars. En effet, les dépenses des voyageurs canadiens non québécois dans la province ont largement dépassé 54 millions, tandis que le flux inverse de dépenses se était à 51 millions. Le Québec a reçu plus de 950 000 visiteurs des autres provinces canadiennes: 800 000 de l'Ontario, 100 000 du Nouveau-Brunswick, 20 000 de

Le ski sans frontière dans

Mt. Norquay run a private's delight

BANFF (Special) - The Canadian Armed Forces ski championships continued Tuesday with the downhill race at Mount Norquay and the 4 x 10 kilometre relay nordic race at Tunnel Mountain. Fifty-six downhill competitors representing 39 teams, ran the 6,006-foot North American run. The first individual, with a time of 1:28.24, was Private Bill Smith of Canadian Forces Base, Edmonton, representing the Prairie A team. The top team was the Quebec Region A team with an aggregate time of 3:18.90. The 4 x 10 km relay was won by the Europe and Quebec Region A team with a time of 2:36.17. Both the Alpine and Nordic Prairie teams, with a large representation from CFB and a few from the famous Van Doren Regiment, continue to battle for first place in both alpine and nordic events.
Comox skier bests army competition

BANFF (Special) — The Canadian Armed Forces Ski Championships were held Sunday, with the Slalom Competition at Mt. Norquay. Sixty-six competitors ran the 1,860 foot course on the Whistler Run.

The individual winner with a time of 2:54.26 seconds was Private Jean Guy Rivest, of CFB Comox. R.C. representing the Pacific Region Team. Pte. Billie Smith of CFB Edmonton, the Prairie Region 'A' team, yesterday's downhill winner, placed second and helped the team clinch first place in the event with a time of 2:14.94 (2000 feet). Smith moved from first place in overall competition.

They are now challenging the strong European team for first place. Today's Alpine event at Norquay will be the first run of the Giant Slalom on the 'Brow'.

Edmonton racers dominate slalom races at Red Deer

By JOHN DERRICK

Paul LeBlanc of the Snow Valley Ski Club, Edmonton, won the giant slalom race at Red Deer. Edmonton skiers dominated the 'C' Class races at Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer.

David Russell of the Edmonton Ski Club was a close second while Bruce Schweinsteiger also of the Edmonton club was third.

Edmonton skiers also captured the top two spots in the women's giant slalom with Sally Smith of the Edmonton Ski Club coming in first and Loke Crayola of the same club, second.

Only Calgarians to place were Leigh Rothrock at the Mount Norquay Racing Club. He placed third to prevent skiers from the north from completely sweeping the event.

In the second day's competition, Calgary skiers fared better and were able to capture three of the six trophies in the slalom.

After a dispute between the gate judges and the coaches, David Russell of Edmonton was declared the winner. Brian LeBlanc of the Calgary Ski Club placed second and Kevin Wensel of the Snow Valley Ski Club, placed third.

Two excellent courses were set for the races. Hot conditions and the contour of the hill with its series of steep pitches and crests, easily separated those skiers with technical skill.

Helicopter Skiing Now Available

Something new has been added to Alberta's Canadian Rockies winter playground—helicopter skiing!

Regarded as the ultimate in downhill skiing this aspect of the sport has until now been available only in the Rockies of British Columbia; and thus available only to those staying for a period of at least a week in that mountain resort.

Now, in Alberta, skiers may be picked up in Banff after breakfast, and flown south into the Kananaskis range. There the fantastic runs are four to six miles long, and 10,000 vertical feet of skiing is guaranteed, in fly-in powder snow. Then it's back to Banff in time for dinner.

It's a whole new dimension for skiing Alberta, opening up a new world of skiers. With the announcements of further developments of this project.

Alberta's Canadian Rockies provide some of the best skiing in the world. Five major areas, Lake Louise, Sunridge, Lake Louise and Mt. Norquay, in the Banff areas; West Castle, near the American border; and Marmot Basin in the Jasper National Park, offer excellent hill facilities, with day lodges, ski schools and ski runs and trails that cater to skiers of every capability.

Sunridge Village, 14 miles from Banff, is the highest lift in Alberta, 7,100 feet.
LIFT LINES
By Diane Alder

Everyone likes to get the best value for his dollar, but tastes vary, thank goodness, and we aren’t all in the market for the same item.

Lift ticket prices are often a subject of discussion. Where can you get the most for your money and why pay more for different quality uphill transportation?

Some very interesting comparisons can be made by taking the cost per hour of uphill transportation for various ski areas, called “Vertical Transport Feet Per Hour (VTFH)”. The VTFH is measured in thousands of feet, and is calculated for any lift or series of lifts, by multiplying the vertical rise by the hourly capacity, then dividing by 1,000.

To get the value for a lift ticket, the VTFH is divided by the price for a holiday lift ticket. The higher the resulting ratio, the better bargain for more skiers.

Whistler leads the western areas with a ratio of 35,607, for the VTFH of 81,332. Whistler’s addition this season of two new chairs brought the VTFH figure up from 34,609 to the new high.

SilverStar, 34 miles out of Vernon, is the second best value for skier dollars, if you consider the uphill capacity. Their ratio of VTFH to lift ticket price is 4,593, Sunshine Village at Banff, Alberta runs a close third, with 3,203. These follow Tod Mountain at Kamloops, 2,126 and Red Mountain at Rossland, (the complex includes Granite Mountain) with 2,727.

Manning Park’s Gibson Pass has a ratio of 2,608, and Russet Mount Norquay has 2,374. Green Mountain’s VTFH ratio figures at 650, or if including the tram and the village chair, 669.

For uphill capacity only, these figures can tell where you will find the best value. But usually skiers are looking for more than uphill capacity. They want the gentle facilities, accommodations, restaurants and night life that belong with any ski resort money.

Why else do so many Vancouverites travel the distance (nearly 700 miles) to Sun Valley or further afield each season for what many think “my week of skiing”? Even air connections to the Valley are poor, unless you take advantage of the newly formed charters.

With Whistler having almost triple any other western area’s VTFH ratio, it is surprising that the area isn’t more crowded. In Calgary skiers will answer that Whistler definitely has the skiing, but has little to offer in other respects to compare with any other resort with similar uphill capacity.

This season, and especially as spring-like weather has settled over most of B.C. and Alberta, it might be better to plan any future ski trips by checking the remaining snow depths rather than VTFH, for many areas are fast losing their snow to rains and sunshine.

HILL AND GULLEY SKI GLIDERS SEE THE ‘REAL CANADA’

By Tony Sloan

Canadian Travel Bureau,
OTTAWA — Get out into the wilderness that’s the real Canada — on skis. Herman “Jack Rabbit” Johnston has been addressing a crowd of 700 cross-country skiers at the closing banquet of the Canadian Ski Marathon a few years ago. Many have abandoned the famed 97-year-old cotskier’s advice. Very few, perhaps, have actually taken to overnight treks and wilderness camping but winter resorts across Canada are developing such services as they may easier to the rapidly increasing fraternity of cross-country skiers.

The revived interest in trail skiing has created a new dimension in winter vacations. Many traditional areas, long identified with downhill runs now offer a one- or two-day cross-country option in their regular ski packages.

terrain and facilities become better known.

An existing seven-mile trail system in Mount Eneas Prov Park near Magog were expanded and improved this year with special emphasis on equipment and facilities for beginners and senior skiers. Warming hut were erected at one- or two-day intervals and trail markers include network maps posted at strategic intersections to help novice skiers orientate themselves on heavily wooded trails.

Runout, only 40 miles east of Montreal, via the Eastern Autoroute, has converted elaborate trail systems for use by skiers to cross-country skiing.

The trail ski has not forgotten in the multi-dollar expansion plans recently announced in St-Jean, 37 miles east of Quebec City. A four-trail network, ranging from three to 15 miles, is the primary attraction while the new lodge...
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Le 23 et 4 mars au mont Sainte-Anne

Jean-Pierre Laliberté

La reprise annuelle de la Banque de Montréal Internationale du nouveau dans les pentes du merveilleux mont Sainte-Anne, revient ainsi au lieu initial choisi pour présenter la première épreuve de sa série de la Coupe du Monde au Canada. Tout indique un nomonnage de participants venues d'Europe pour converger vers la hauteur du Québec aujourd'hui, demain et le dimanche.

UNE LUTTE INTERESSANTE

Chacun de nous, la lutte acharnée chez les hommes, alors que la populaire Gustavo Thomé accueille un retard d'à peine deux points derrière Davide Zwill in d'Austria et Roland Col- lumbin, de Suisse. Thomé a donc d'excellentes chances de prendre les devants dans la prestigieuse Coupe du Monde, coupe qu'il d'ailleurs remporté deux reprises, égale ment aux performances du célèbre Jean-Claude Killy de France et Karl Schranz, d'Austria. L'Italien pourrait donc devenir le premier skieur à remporter un cachet plus officiel.

En 1971, lors de la première présentation de la Banque de Montréal Internationale au mont Sainte-Anne, Gustavo Thomé a été proclamé vainqueur de l'épreuve ainsi que Marilyn Cochran, des Etats-Unis, chez les dames. La saison dernière, Anne Pruell avait gagné et Brit- gue, de France.
Hilland wins
giant slalom

CALGARY, ALTA. (CP) —
John Hilland of Calgary won
the combined giant slalom in
the fourth event of the Al-
berta Cup skiing series during
the weekend, placing second
Saturday and first Sunday.
Hilland's total time Sunday
for the two runs was 138.52
seconds. Dave Greig of Cal-
gary was second at 137.06.
Saturday, Hilland placed second to Keith Humphreys.

Calgary, whose winning time
was 135.8 seconds. Hilland fin-
ished in 132.2 seconds.

Pil. Gordon of Banff, Alta.,
won the combined men's event.

Vania Hamilton of Calgary
was first Sunday with a time
of 72.89 seconds and Gordon
finished second with 73.06.
Saturday's race was won by
15-year-old Louis Kist of Jas-
pier, in 71.7 seconds. Noel
Davis of Calgary, racing for
the first time after a leg frac-
ture in January, placed sec-
ond with 73.32 seconds.

Leader in the men's events of
the series is George Mather
of Calgary with 36 points.
Women's events are led by
Jo-Anne Becker of Banff with
79 points and Joan intimidation
of Banff with 76.

The next and final Alberta
Cup race will be a two-day
slalom at Mt. NORWAY, near
Banff. March 17.
Calgary skiers claim Alberta Cup placings

JASPER, Alta. (CP) — John Hilland of Calgary claimed a giant slalom title at the fourth event of the Alberta Cup Ski Racing Series during the weekend, placing second Saturday and first Sunday. Hilland’s total time Sunday for the two runs was 1:35.32 seconds. Dave Greg of Calgary was second at 1:35.79, followed by Keith Humfrey of Calgary, who finished in 1:36.22 seconds. Hilland finished 3.2 seconds behind winner Pat Gordon of Banff, Alta., who won the combined women’s event by placing fifth Saturday and second Sunday.

Vanessa Haining of Calgary was first Sunday with a time of 1:35.32 seconds and Gordon finished second with 1:35.66. Sunday’s race was won by 15-year-old Lori Kiel of Jasper in 1:35.17. Noel Davis of Calgary, racing for the first time after a leg fracture in January, placed second with 1:35.81 seconds.

Leader in the men’s events of the series is George Motter of Calgary with 15 points. Women’s events are led by Jo-Anne Reeder of Banff with 18 points and Joan Titterington of Banff with 17. The next and final Alberta Cup race will be a two-day event in April, near Banff.

Chateau Lake Louise
Lake Louise Hotel to open all year

The Chateau Lake Louise will open its doors for year-round business with a view to cashing in on the international ski market, Canadian Pacific Hotels announced today.

Target date for opening is “as soon as possible,” but that is contingent on a major refurbishing of the 66-year-old structure, including a complete winterization.

In making the announcement, Mr. Petryk, recently appointed vice-president of the mountain and Pacific region for CP Hotels, said he expects the full-year operation and beginning of the 1974 ski season. The hotel will have its usual summer season this year.

The 360-room hotel, situated on the eastern shores of Lake Louise, has been restricted to summer use with its world-wide guest list during its 60-year history.

Opening the hotel to year-round occupancy is the second such venture by CP Hotels in the Canadian Rockies in the past five years. Earlier, the 260-room Banff Springs was opened for winter use, and is now enjoying a high occupancy rate by skiers and winter conventions.

The hotel is about four miles from the base of the ski lifts on Mt. Whistler across the valley to the east. Skiers could either ski down into the village to the Post Hotel, or where they would be picked up by buses, or could be picked up and transported right from the Chateau, Mr. Petryk said.

Skiers’ notes

Hot dog ski school

A hot dog ski school has been organized by the Jerry Johnston Ski School at Sunshine of the weekends of March 13, 14 and March 20 and 21.

The school will consist of five hours each day of special instruction in cross-country skiing, cross-country skiing, cross-country skiing, cross-country skiing, cross-country skiing, cross-country skiing.

Skiers 10 years old and up are eligible. Demonstrations will be under the direction of Dave Rogers, Cliff White, Jr. and Jim Buckingham.

The Calgary Ski Club reminds members and non-members that its 73 ski mountaineering program is under way under the direction of guides Al Kapusta and Fred Tseffott. For information, call 268-204. - Bruce Strickland reminds cross-country skiers of the first annual Telemark race March 11 from the Waipa Gate to Lake Louise. The Foothills Ski Club meeting is scheduled for March 13, 8 p.m. Races on the Lake Louise track start at 12 noon Saturday. One race is sanctioned.
Chateau Lake
Louise opens
for ski crowd

By JOHN GORMAN

Rumors die hard in the Bow Valley. Two juicy ones have been lingering for months—one now confirmed, the other still very much in the rumor stage.

Chateau Lake Louise will open for year-round occupancy, probably in time for the 1974-75 ski season. But first a word about the unconfirmed stories on the development of a major ski resort in the Spray Valley above Canmore.

The SKI SCENE

Banff very nice, Eels, send money

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Spring skiing: Con

By KENDAL WINDEYER
of The Gazette

Softly slipping over corn snow, the ever-increasing herds of skiers burned by a resurgent spring sun, flock to the snow centres of the world in March and April.

The resorts themselves and the operators of ski towns have suffered

commission with nature not possible among the crowds of skiers on eastern slopes.

And in the Rockies, lack of snow is almost never a problem at this time of year.

As if the conditions were not enough of a lure for snow addicts, the travel industry has started packaging reasonable tours which

how ski conditions are reported and how much confidence you can put in what you hear over the radio about the depth of snow on your favorite hill.

For the uninstructed, the ski cult is a confusing jumble of a language which comes closest to an international language since Esperanto. Most resorts have
Skiers' ripoff likened to Bant's 'UC' is reduced but jobs still...

By Gary Cooper

Ski doodles

Jasper — no longer...
Wide Open Skiing

Linda Curtis

Getting away from it all

As the ineradicable mountains loom down on the petty affairs of man over the years, they must marvel at our ability to become beggared down in trivia.

Some of us realize we have this shortcoming and take refuge in the mountains to regain our sense of perspective. There's nothing like standing at the foot of a 10,000-foot peak to make you realize how really insignificant you are in the scheme of things.

You're inclined to stop taking yourself so seriously and get out with the business of seeing life.

The mountains have always held a fascination for me. They're frightening yet hypnotic... invigorating but tranquillizing.

I am not alone in my love of the mountains. The Skyline Trail, Windy and the Miles Have Always Sold.

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Ski Trails

By Bryan Tastad

Every year around this time Marmot Basin ski resort near Jasper, Alta., begins to look like a little piece of Saskatchewan set in the Canadian Rockies.

Ken Coope, former pro at Blackstrap and now public relations director at Marmot, stated recently that the last week in March was when the big Saskatchewan rush was expected this winter.

Coope said 1,000 Saskatchewanians had registered for all weeks and this leaves out quite a number that are not going on package deals.

Marmot offers two chair lifts, two T-bars and easy access from Saskatoon along the Yellowhead Highway. The area has something for everyone, from double-black to blue and double-black to black.

mainly after the Blackstrap ski season reaches its inevitable end, but there is almost always a handful of people from back home any time of the year.

A hard-core nucleus of Saskatchewanians is formed by the people who have gone to Jasper for a vacation and then decided to make their home in the mountains, at least for the ski season. Included in this group are Doug Adams, Randy Lewis and Nick Willy. Another is Doug Bruce who is making quite an impression on Marmot's no-dragging set.

All things considered, Jasper is nothing less than a slice out of heaven, with good skiing, interesting people and a great après-ski life. But if you don't...
SKIPPAGE
Cochrane school trains skiers

By STEVE WYNNE

The school administration has decided to continue the winter recreation program for all students. The school has purchased new equipment and has hired a new coach to help train the skiers.

Ski Lesson
with: Jean-Claude Killy

What's true for so many things is also true for skiing: the better you get, the more enjoyable it becomes. I often wonder why so many people seem to forget that. All day long they slide down the same slope doing the same old things. I have to agree, it is apt to feel the wind in your face and just do it, done, down, down, down.

The key is that people who do this do not develop a sense of balance. They lack skills and lack confidence.

Two of the most important skills of skiing are edge control and balance. Both will improve with practice, making you not only a better skier, but also one who enjoys skiing.

Lastly, I want to stress the importance of the fall line. At any point, you must be able to ski down the hill without fear of falling. With confidence and practice, you'll find that after practice, you'll be able to ski down the fall line.

Speaking on Skiing
by Fraser Martin

Weather wise, last Saturday was a skier's dream with blue skies, sunshine, and a fresh coat of snow. The only problem was the fact that every skier from the Calgary area seemed to be in the mountains, which made for long lines at the lifts. I must admit that isn't really all that bad when the weather is nice but is it really necessary? We all know Alberta is not short on ski facilities so why does a family-oriented mountain-type ski area within twenty minutes driving time from Calgary's western limits sound to you?

Bob Lyon, formerly an entrepreneurial ex-cerberus dealer from Stavanger, Sack, feels he has the answer in his ski area at Bragg Creek, Pan Mountain, which he hopes to open next season. Bob invited us to come out and have a look at Pan Mountain and after spending most of Sunday skiing, snowmobiling and walking around the area, I must admit I am sincerely impressed.

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Enlightenment, U.S.

Ottawa, Ont., Spectator

HAMPTON, Ont. - SPECTATOR

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Assurance-chômage

OTTAWA - Le ministre de l'Immigration et de la Main-d'œuvre, M. Robert Andras, a fait part, hier, aux Canadiennes, des mesures que le gouvernement entend mettre en place pour améliorer les protections d'assurance-chômage.

Dans une longue déclaration, il a rappelé aux Canadiennes que M. Andras a tenté de préciser ce qui se passait en matière d'assurance-chômage. Il a indiqué qu'il fallait s'assurer que justice soit faite autant aux contribuables qui paient les primes d'assurance-chômage que aux personnes qui reçoivent les allocations.

Le ministre a également indiqué que le gouvernement a pris des mesures pour améliorer les protections d'assurance-chômage.

Le Québec

Les journalistes de l'Agence Canadienne de la Presse ont visité le district de l'Abitibi et ont remarqué les conditions de vie difficiles dans la région.

Le district de l'Abitibi est situé dans l'ouest du Québec et est connu pour sa richesse en ressources minières et en forestières.

Les journalistes ont constaté que les conditions de vie des habitants étaient difficiles en raison de l'éloignement des centres urbains et de l'absence de services de santé et d'éducation.

Des entrevues ont été réalisées avec des habitants du district pour en savoir plus sur la situation actuelle.

Crackdown hurts

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A crackdown on shirkers of the unemployment insurance scheme has been announced.

The new measure, known as the "UCI" scheme, is designed to target those who have not paid their premiums and are thus not entitled to benefits.

The measure is expected to have a significant impact on the number of claims made.

Interviews with beneficiaries showed that the new measure has been well received.

The anti-poverty group has welcomed the move as a step towards addressing the problem of shirkers.

They said the new measure is a necessary step to ensure that those who are entitled to benefits are indeed receiving them.

Ski holiday jobless benefits

OTTAWA - Anti-poverty group wins

A new measure to provide jobless benefits has been announced.

The new measure is expected to provide a significant boost to those who are unemployed.

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**Insurance scandal defies belief...**

Revelation of wholesale fraud by unemployment insurance claimants is being taken with remarkable composure by Manpower Minister Robert Andrass.

He is almost apologetic about what he calls a "beefit control process" that resulted in the disqualification of 60,860 of 62,797 claimants checked in the first nine weeks of this year.

The minister seems to be more anxious to defend his inspectors than to apologize for the situation which they used trick questions to trap the unwary than he is to detect those who tricked their way into the unemployment rolls in the first place.

His inspectors have been told, Mr. Andrass told the Commons, "that the need for thoroughness in their work is not and must not justify an overzealous approach or underhand methods."

However much the minister may be sorry for the inconvenience, he should keep in mind that Canadian taxpayers strongly resent the inscrutable laxity in his...
The SKI SCENE
By JOHN GORMAN

Skiers in this country develop serious memory lapses this time of year. The weather warms up down here on the flatlands, and they forget that the best skiing of the season is during the last half of March and April.

The first to suffer these mental mix-ups are Whistler and Schweitzer Basin just below the border. Their main patronage is from places like Kellogg, Missoula, Spokane, Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. Most skiers spot the grass turning green, so they hang up the boards and hit for the links with the pig iron.

"We don't run out of snow down here; we run out of skiers," said Norm Kurtz, manager at the Big Mountain at Whistler.

Skiing at the Big Mountain is as good as it can be with plenty of new snow last weekend. Temperatures were about 6 degrees above freezing the day range in the 40 to 60 degree areas, so it can be a little icy first thing in the morning until the afternoon softens up.

Ronald Grantham's Summary of w
Iraq

In June, 1972, Iraq nationalized the Kirkuk oil field, which the International Petroleum Company, in which several European and American companies are involved, had been operating since 1927. But the Compagnie Francaise des Petroles emerged with a unilateral agreement entitling it to continue to receive the 24 per cent share of Kirkuk oil that it had been getting. This field is in the Mosul region.

Iraq is selling a third of the Kirkuk oil to Communist countries, some of which have been giving it technological assistance. The remainder goes to various Western groups.

IPC has given up claims to the North Rumaila oil field, which Iraq seized in 1961. It will get compensation in oil, but to a value not greatly more than the amount is now paid Iraq to sell oil-bombing, political assassinations, and treason. (Murder and many other serious crimes are matters for the states to deal with. Many legislatures are thinking about restoring the death penalty.)

For pushers of addictive drugs, Mr. Nixon wants mandatory sentences, up to life, with no parole. He wants the possession, sale or use of marijuana to continue to be criminal offenses, but with "more reasonable" penalties.

In the House of Representatives, 24 liberal members have introduced a bill to prohibit the death penalty for federal offenses.

Recently President Nixon stated that the rate of crime was dropping in more than half the larger cities. His critics say this makes it all the more unforgivable that he should capitalize on concern about violence in society by encouraging the media's reaction that the state should adopt
Nordic race ends tied

LAKE LOUISE (Special) — While Bonnie Robertson of Kimberley (12.33) won the midget women's crown at the Foot Hills Nordic Ski Club's Canadian Ski Association-sanctioned race here during the weekend.

Both men toured the 14-kilometre course in 45 minutes and 36 seconds to win over Calgary's Don Gardner (50.27).

Alba Peterson of Prince George captured the senior women's crown by skiing 30 kilometres in 50 minutes even while Sharon Foggarty of Calgary was second (1:11.46).

The junior men's crown went to Grant Paulson of Prince George (31.53) and Arnelle Paulson of Devon was second (40.28).

In junior girls' competition, Carinna Servold of Infill went in 31 minutes and 34 seconds over Helen Servold of Devon (32.43).

The midget boys' title was won by Peter Feke of Revelstoke (13.93) and John Servold of Devon was second (13.03).

Residents protest rental hike

BANFF (Special) — Leaseholders in the national park townsite are fighting back against Ottawa over recently announced land rental rates and the battle may reach its climax in the Exchequer Court of Canada.

A meeting of nearly 100 leaseholders has decided that their new ground rental rates are the result of "inflated" just ice and Ottawa's determination to extract more money from park residents. — no matter how unfair that approach may be.

Said one Banff resident: "The government is pushing us toward autonomy."

Added another at the meeting: "We are going to take this down or we will fight them all the way."

At the heart of the matter are increased land rental rates for 600 of the townsite's 1,500 leaseholders. It was stick together and refuse to pay the increases.

Another man suggested the federal government could get all the money it needs to maintain services for the townsite simply by increasing rate adjustments to the national parks from $2 to $5 per year.

"I don't think paying one-third of the costs of operating this town but I don't see why I should pay for the other two-thirds which are used by visitors from all over the world," he complained.

His comments were greeted with loud applause and one taxpayer observed: "Ottawa would rather slip the knife to the minority than request what is fair from the majority."

Wally Deschanel, chairman of the Banff Advisory Council, and fellow council member Don Becker suggested that if leaseholders residents should be studying the entire field of local representation and government rather than being carried by a large majority." It is resolved that the Banff Advisory Council be instructed to pursue with Ottawa and to establish under the law our rights as embodied in our leases. That if we are not satisfied with the amount of the ground levies let us have recourse to the Exchequer Court of Canada and if legal opinion determines that court action is advantageous to us, to proceed with court action immediately."

It was stated that it costs about $200,000 to fight a case in the Exchequer Court. Apparently, costs for such an action would be assessed all leaseholders by way of a special levy.

Present for the Banff meeting was Joe Clark, Conservative member of Parliament for Rocky Mountain House, "to listen and to help any way I can," said Clark.

La lutte aux faux chômeurs

Prestations à 40,000

par Jean-Paul GAGNON

Le ministre de la Main-d'œuvre et de l'Immigration, M. Robert Andracque, a révélé, hier, aux Communautés que sa Commission d'assurance-chômage avait enlevé les prestations à 40,000 personnes au cours des six premiers mois de 1973 dans une enquête qui a été conduite auprès de 10,579 prestataires sur un total de 10,899 demandeurs.

Au nombre des citoyens qui ont fait l'objet des "enquetes éclaires" de la Commission, 6,305 ont été nominés par des amis et des connaissances des assureur-chômeurs ainsi que par un certain nombre qui s'est exprimé dans le cadre de l'atelier de Banff Springs, 7,176 étaient de la classe dans les Roches lous, sur une base de 25 heure d'emploi.

L'agent vire un certain nombre de prestataires avec discrétion" l'activité des renseignements fournis par le prestataire.
Grits admit UIC abuses

(See Also Page 14)

By JAMES FERRARIE
Southam News Services

OTTAWA — How can one piece of legislation cause one government so much trouble over such a long period of time? That is the question that has been asked of the Liberal government in recent days.

The answer is that the legislation was ill-conceived, badly administered and financially sound from the very beginning.

The beginning for this piece of legislation, the new Employment Insurance Act, was the summer of 1971 when then manpower minister Bryce Mackasey persuaded his cabinet colleagues to push the bill through Parliament.

The end of the struggle comes with the abolition of the UIC, but in 10 months after the law went into effect and nearly five months after it was introduced, the government is in financial trouble.

The difference now is that government, and the new minister responsible for the act, appear to be taking a more responsible approach which may or may not be the last few months.

The picture that government and the new minister have painted of its situation is a difficult one. Even with the new minister's assurance that the UIC will be abolished, the government has found itself in a financial bind.

The government's financial position has been worsened by the fact that the UIC is a major source of revenue for the federal government.

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On The Prowl --- W

This has been a terrible winter for skiers away from the look of the weather at the time of writing, skiing could be all but finished for the season.

The last snowstorm was during the early hours of February 21. Less than two weeks later, at about 10 inches fell. To our recollection there hasn't been a snow since. We recall driving home through deserted, snow-clogged streets, after a late night of writing news. It was a delightful sight to a skier on the other hand.

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Speaking of skiing in the arm, we wonder why kids want to be turned on by drugs when there are so many natural ways of getting a kick out of life. They say they find it more rewarding than skiing.

In any case they find it more rewarding than skiing.

And now we have some good news for skiers. There is a new piste — quite lovely dining establishment down the street, known as La Touraine. It is located on Broad street, next to the city parking lot, but overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence in the old Shorey's store building. We have heard conflicting reports about it, that it was quite lovely — but rather expensive. So we decided to skip the place. By noon and one for our selves. That we did as Wednesday — and were most pleasantly surprised.

Dining Pleasure

The decor is certainly gorgeous and the food superb. And we are more pleased in the report, the beefaroni meal was

Banff Hotel

Crackdown Forces UIC Ski Team To Go To Work

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — A crackdown on abusers of the Employment Insurance scheme has reduced membership on the unofficial "UIC" team, according to Don Petrak, manager of the Banff Springs Hotel, said Wednesday.

During an investigation by Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) staff, 21 of 33 claimants from Calgary and Edmonton were disqualified when it was discovered they were staying at the Banff Springs Hotel.

At the University of UIC spelled out in large letters have been a familiar sight on ski slopes.

"It's been better in the last two weeks because of the crackdown and a lot are getting scared," Mr. Petrak said.

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"They got a job in Banff and ski for five days a week in their off hours because they qualify for reduced rates on boats and ski lifts and use their (UIC) choppers for beer and hamburgers.

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The situation has definitely improved. A lot are starting to work or begin to look for jobs."
Early Birds Are Booking Now For Next Year's Mid-Term Break Period

By JAMES ELLIOTT
Standard Reporter

The travel agents call it "mid-March-madness." That week, known innocently as "mid-term break" when half the population seems to pack up and head for the sun, is on us again. And if you didn't book last fall, chances are you'll spend the week at home.

To the Irish, March 17 is a holy day. But for thousands of others, March 17 is take-off day for Florida, the Caribbean and other points south.

A telephone survey of travel agents reveals flights during the March 17-24 period are virtually booked solid and have been that way for up to six months.

According to John Flarit of Flarit Travel Ltd., more people are taking advantage of the winter break this year than ever before.

"People are booking earlier and earlier," he said, and in some cases they are booking now for next year.

Mr. Flarit explained that the holiday is made easier by the school year, people know in advance when they want to leave so they tend to book more quickly.

BY FAB THE most popular spots for Florida for families and the Caribbean for singles and couples. According to Mr. Flarit, the Florida business is strictly airfare while the majority of the Caribbean bookings are for inclusive packages.

Check Hoople of Hoople and Magler Travel described it as "a mass exodus to Florida and the Caribbean" and added that infrequent cancellations are the only hope for last-minute travelers.

Bob Shawyer of Masson Travel noted some weeks, "mid-March-madness" noting that most of the travelers feel "they have to get away."

He said the most popular spot for Canadians is Barbados, where they are "guaranteed good weather, no political trouble and the life is slow and relaxing.

Jim Mason of World Travel said the Florida and the Caribbean "everything that is booked months ago."" Despite inflation and unemployment there seems to be no shortage of cash when it comes to booking out for a vacation.

Air fare along with a family of four to Florida is about $1400 and a two-week inclusive package for Barbados runs around $250 per person.

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The availability of unemployment insurance, he said, has had a familiar sight on Banff ski slopes.

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The availability of unemployment insurance played havoc with the hiring practices of local hotels, he said. Hotels in the resort about 60 miles west of Calgary relied upon the large pool of young people available for winter work as waiters, chambermaids and dishwashers.

They get a job in Banff and ski for five days a week (in their off hours) because they qualify for reduced rates on buses and ski tows, and use their UIC cheques for beer and hamburgers.

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Alberta Cup champs at Mt. Norquay

John Milland and Loni Kleni class of series
PETER DESBARATS

A French Canadian

CALGARY

People here still remember the day last year when Gerard Pelletier, then secretary of state, decided to wow the West by announcing a new museum policy in Calgary.

Four journalists showed up for his press conference.

At the end of an open-line radio show, when Pelletier thought that he was off the air, the host asked him casually, “Is it true that you, Prime Minister Trudeau, and Jean Marchand, have a French Canadian policy?”

“Yeah,” said the other, obviously not believing him. “Well, show some respect and stand at attention when they play O Canada.”

Precedents like that, there was every reason to expect the worst last weekend when Health Minister Marc Lalonde made his first swing through Western Canada as a member of the Trudeau cabinet.

Before his arrival, Westerners were vaguely aware of him as the man regarded to be one of the sharpest brains in the country and the second most powerful. It was quoted a description of one of his questions in an Edmonton audience. During the years from 1968 to 1970, as the Liberals lost support in the West, Lalonde was the key man in the East Block, the power behind the throne, the Cardinal Richelieu figure whispering in the ear of the philosopher.

Not only was he an Easterner but a French Canadian, a crust, a former farmer, an anti-communist more than a Trincomalee Liberal or an Eastern Canadian.

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Top skier wins his third
World Cup skiing championship with a fourth-place finish in the giant slalom won by Bobby Cochran of the U.S. Saturday at South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Gustavo Thoeni held only a slim lead over David Zwilling going into the race but the Austrian could only place eighth. Thoeni took the gold medal with a pair of 118 points, followed by Zwilling 115 and Switzerland’s Roland Colominas 111.

Gustavo Thoeni, 23, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first player to win the men’s single event in the six-time champion of the 1964 European championships in London Saturday when he cruised past Christian Hauffe, 154, 150-2. Margaret Beck, England’s No. 1, placed second in the women’s singles with a 114-110 win over Gillian Brand.

Wally Dempsey, an American slalom specialist who was released by Saskatchewan Roughriders last season, was signed with New York. He appeared as a free agent. He spent eight years with Riders and was a CFL all-star in 1965 and 1969.

Stan Smith of the U.S. beat top-seeded Rod Laver, 6-2, 6-4 yesterday to win the $50,000 Peachtree Cor- seurs tennis tournament at Atlanta, Ga.... Ille Natese of Romania won Washington’s Equity indoor championship with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-5, 6-2, 6-1 win over Jimmy Connors. Chris Everett beat Russia’s Oleg Musere, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, to win the Aku- nos, Oslo, Open and has now won more than $130,000 since he turned pro last December... Tom Okker of the Netherlands rallied to defeat Arthur Ashe, 6-3, 7-6, 7-6, in the finals at Marrifield, Va.

Deane” Daniels of Montreal

Real took the men’s epee, John Andrews of Toronto was in the sabre and Kay Aymar of Toronto was in the women’s foil’s event at the Governors-General’s fencing tournament in Ottawa yesterday. Gerry Widel and Donna Hemsey, both of Toronto, lost in the semi-finals in the men’s epee and the women’s foil respectively, finishing third in the Canadian fencing championship at New York.

Peter Gregg, Harley Hay-
TSC Banff Trip Filling Up

-.T.S.C. members intending to take a spring ski week this year should get their reservations in as soon as possible for the Toronto Ski Club Banff ski week charter for 7 exciting days March 25- April 1. The considerable saving in air transportation costs effected by operating a charter enables a club member to participate in an excellent total ski package for the attractive total cost of $440. (No trip to the Laurentians or Stoneham please.)

For those who may wish to compare prices, the T.S.C. Banff-Lake Louise trip provides an complete days skiing with accommodation in the centrally located Mount Royal Hotel. The only excursion available via scheduled flights is not only more expensive, but provides only half the days skiing with accommodation in motels or motor hotels.

Many of these are out of the downtown area and lack bar and dining facilities. Even with the less convenient accommodation, an equivalent seven day ski package would thus approach $500. Furthermore, the excellent location of the Mount Royal provides direct transportation to ski areas from the adjacent bus terminal and close proximity to main stores and restaurants.

In addition to good hotel accommodation, air transportation (Air Canada DC-9), all area lift tickets and daily transfers to any of the ski areas, other features of the club trip are "all you can eat" breakfasts (including gravies), generous 60 lb. baggage allowance and complimentary in-flight bar.

The Banff trip is scheduled at an ideal time for T.S.C. enthusiasts. Club activities and the local ski season are drawing to a close but ski conditions in the Rockies are at their prime -- lots of snow, abundant sunshine and moderate temperatures.

For further information, contact the Club Office -- 386-1331 -- or Jim or Gladys McGuffin at 321-3288.

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1973 ski championships

OTTAWA (CP) — European region teams ended perennial Quebec region domination of Forces skiing at the 1973 Canadian Forces Ski Championship held at CFB Calgary and Mount Norquay, Alta., Feb. 26 to Mar. 2.

One-hundred and twenty competitors representing six regions (Europe, Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Central and Prairie) competed in the five-day event.

Europe's 'A' team, paced by Cpl. Paul Nadeau and M-Cpl. Johnnie Lalonde, made a clean sweep of the Nordic events. The European team beat out an ever challenging Quebec 'A' team in the 15-kilometer, 4 x 10 relay, and 4 x 10 relay.

Saison morte...

Tandis qu'ailleurs, un peu partout au Canada, c'est vrai qu'on est malin. Ces 22 escrocs de Calgary et Edmonton, par exemple, qui se faisaient expédier leurs "cheques de changes" au Banff Springs Hotel m'a chere pendant la saison de ski. On vient de les voir des listes pour l'ete. Il faut bien leur donner une chance de se reposer...

The SKI SCENE

By JOHN GORMAN

Weekend activity in the mountains made several things obvious that were hitherto overlooked as unimportant issues.

One of the slickest ski races I have ever witnessed was the Alberta Cup final on the Wishbone at Mt. Norquay. The Sunday race was a dual slalom on two identical, 50-gate courses side by side on the hill.

The dual course accomplishes two essential ingredients for sport. It gives the spectator the visual, head-to-head excitement of competition, like a horse race, or the foot-races at a track and field meet.

If ski racing is ever to gain any solid following, on television or in the flesh it will be dual races that do it. A dual giant slalom is more difficult to set than a slalom, and somehow the frantic speeds of the downhill do not seem compatible with dual runs, but no doubt they will be commonplace before too many more seasons.

But the most important factor of all involves the behavior of the competitor. He (or she) tends to be more intensely...
Bob Mellor:

When the skies clear

John Gow is probably the only travelling ski report in North America. He was back in his native Ottawa yesterday, because, out in Banff, they'd heard there were reports all over the East that the Rockies were in the same deep powdery shape that most ski halls had been all over this part of the country. And since their season extends well into May, they decided it was the best way to sort out those rumors was to fire off a travelling ambassador to put them down.

'It ain't so'

John Gow's doing that. In Montreal, and Toronto, and yesterday, Ottawa. Says John: "Whatever you heard ain't so. Maybe we didn't have as much snow as last year, but when I left, we were up to 200 inches."

It's snow and it's alive and well and living in the Canadian Rockies. And so is John Gow, who is the assistant area manager of the Sunshine ski area, located at 7,200 feet above sea level, and that there is snow today is quite a story.

Gow has acquired the status of a legend in skiing circles wherever a gay group of skiers might go across Canada. This reporter has heard the legend for years. Gow was there the first time I ever met John Gow, and it was one of the few times in his career that he has proven out. John Gow not only walks, but he skis on plastic feet.

Whitehorn scene of $1,200 acrobatics

The third annual Lake Louise Festival contest for the skiing Cup will be held at M. Whitehorn, Sunday, April 8, at 12:30 noon. The casting Breweries Ltd. and Miller Ski Company will co-sponsor the event, which will see both amateur and professional classes competing for cash and Miller Ski equipment prizes worth over $12,000. The over-all winner capturing the Cup.

Bill Tanner, chairman of the event, expects competitors from Marmot Basin, Edmonton and the Okanagan, as well as Sunshine, Norquay, Lake Louise and Calgary, to participate on Saturday and competing on Sunday.

The Whitehorn Goodall provides easy access to the jumping areas where spectators can expect some spectacular aerial acrobatics from the jumpers including doubles and triple splits, jumps and directed, with front and back somersaults.

Competitors must make two mandatory jumps judged on both distance and style, the third jump is free style and the more spectacular, the better. It is judged solely on style. Judges will be Bill Tanner and another member to be included.

The professional class, won last year by Randy Norberg of Vancouver, will compete for $600.00 in cash prizes plus Miller ski, foam boots and pins. The amateurs will compete for the Lake Louise-Gondola Bowl and Miller ski, foam boots and pins. The over-all winner receives the Cup. Professional entry fee is $2.00, the amateur fee is $1.25. Entries may be sent to the Ski Information Gondola, P.O. Box 5, Lake Louise, Competitors may pick up a free day ticket at the main office near the Gondola base.
**Ski jump double feature**

BY JOHN GORMAN

BANFF — Jerry Martin, a 25-year-old Minneapolis electrical technician, won both the North American and Canadian ski jumping championships here during the weekend.

A stocky 160-pounder who said he hasn’t been competing seriously this winter, led throughout the weekend only two Canadians reached the top 10 of both meets.

Martin jumped 242 feet and 283 feet in Saturday’s performance and earned 111.5 style and distance points for second place.

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**Martin flies off**

**Wilson leading Canadian**

BY JOHN GORMAN

BANFF. — Jerry Martin, a 25-year-old Minneapolis electrical technician, won both the North American and Canadian ski jumping championships here during the weekend.

The produced jumps of 281 and 239.9 style points yesterday for the Canadian title.

In the North American event Saturday, U.S. competitors managed a sweep. Scotty Clayton, of Minneapolis, a member of the United States national team, jumped 233 and 264 feet for 111.1 style and distance points for second place.

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**Skiing**

BY JOHN GORMAN

X. X. X. X. Hunter of Calgary swept to victory in the April Giant Slalom on Mount Whistler’s Eagle Flight run at Lake Louise. He beat 83 other skiers. Dave Irwin of Thunder Bay was second and Paul Carney of Toronto third. Hunter made his two runs in a total time of 135.05.

**Banff-Lake Louise snow report**

Sunshine Village has a 75th base with 19th of new snow since March 9, 1973. They have received 19th of new snow since March 9, 1973. Temperatures on March 15 were plus 15 and expected plus 25 with the weather overcast and snowing. Skiing conditions are considered excellent and all lifts operating and the ski-out is open.

Mount Norquay has a good base and has received no new snow. They have had 19th of new snow since March 9 with temperatures at plus 25 in the a.m. of March 15 and the expected high of plus 35. Skiing conditions in the upper slopes are fair-good and on the lower slopes excellent with slightly overcast weather. All lifts open on the packed slopes and the ski-out is open.

Lake Louise also has a good base with a trace of new snow in the past 4 days. They have had 19th of new snow since March 9. Temperatures on March 15 were plus 20 in the morning with an expected high of plus 35. Skiing conditions are good to very good, all lifts open on packed but good ski (only weekends). Their ski-out is also open.
Gerald Waring
How to beat the chiseler

OTTAWA — This is going to be the winter, I said to myself last fall as I took out a family membership in the Ottawa Ski Club. This is the winter to get back to skiing.

Now it's a breath from spring and it hasn't happened yet. Every weekend, I was either too busy, or it was too cold, or it was raining. Three weekends ago, I almost made it, but when I dug the old boards out from under the house they were just stowed away and then out again. But since then it's been the same story: no time.

So you can imagine what a joy I had! Manpower Minister Bob Andrae tells the Commons about the happy times of the ski lifters. Now all 33 of them are being down the slopes at Ranleigh. All you had to do was to lose your job, get on the Unemployment Insurance Commission payroll, and have the UIC forward your cheques to help against the skiing. I wish the Union would do something about this. I'll have to have a look at the Union.

Unfortunately, however, I couldn't have qualified. I haven't been out of work for 15 years, and I'm not exactly normal — mainly because I'm not the only one. But had there been last few weeks — what's going on? Good exercise, Good exercise. How do you do it? Skiing is the only way to do it.

NORTHWESTERN SKI REPORTS

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SPEAKING ON SKIING

by FRASER MARTIN

It may be a bit early to think about next season but Joe Couillard, of Paskapoo fame, brought me up to date on the future plans for the area.

This summer they will install a double chairlift, a simple check of your bindings and safety straps should be done. Your safety straps should be checked as soon as you notice. Any deep cuts appear in the material. But more important for your safety is the binding check. To accomplish this, put on one ski and ski the toe release by kicking around with a free foot. Repeat the same with the other ski. For tension of the heel release, a sharp forward and lifting action of the heel should move the binding somewhat, but not necessarily cause release.
No help from Japanese

CALGARY (CP) — About 60 students at Chishima College in Japan were to take six-week positions this month with the Banff Mountain Hotel until they were re-ruled work visas, Atsushi Usui, manager of the Canadian Manpower Centre here, said Tuesday.

The decision was made in Ottawa.

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Winnipeg-born employment insurance and all three days a week, in their off hours while using their UIC cheques for beer and ham-pocks, manager of the resort hotel.

Part-time ski jumper wins pair of titles on weekend

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — Jerry Wilson of Minneapolis jumped 262 feet and 250 feet to gain 222.9 style points. Wilson, who attends school in Thornby, Ont., finished second with jumps of 244 and 256 feet and 203.5 points. Wilson is a member of the Canadian junior team.

Martin leads at Banff

U.S. ski jumpers dominate meet

BANFF — Jerry Martin of Minneapolis jumped 262 feet and 250 feet on Saturday to finish first in the North American ski jumping competition at Banff with an aggregate total of 488 style points. Minnesota jumpers dominated the competition.

The total points for the individual contestants are based on style and distance over the 80-foot Olympic-calibre jump on Mount Norquay.

Martin, a member of the United States national team, scored 58.8 style points on the first jump and 249 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet. He received 40.4 style points and 246 feet.
Crackdown on jobless nets 65% questionable

Investigations of 62,079 unemployment insurance claimants led to 65% of them being removed from the rolls.

Robert Andras, manpower and immigration minister, said recently that 40,866 people had been disqualified. He stressed, however, that most unemployment insurance recipients are legitimately entitled to them.

John Rodriguez (NDP, Nickel Belt) said the crackdown will merely feed the reactionary thinking of people across the country.

There were investigations only in cases which were suspected to be fraudulent—thus the high percentage of abuses. Overall, however, the number of people who were cut off the rolls represent about 8.5% of those receiving benefits.

Andras explained that benefit controllers have been told that the need for thoroughness in their work will not justify overzealousness or underhanded methods. Investigators have been told to use caution and tact, avoid leading questions, and recognize and assist particular circumstances.

Disqualified claimants may appeal to a board of referees.

Andras said the system must be fair to those who need its benefits but harsh to those who abuse it.

Recently there was a public outcry over 32 recipients who took a skiing holiday in Banff, Alta., on their own money.

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The SKI SCENE

By JOHN GORMAN

For beauty, grace, courage and raw drama, few sports have it all in one package like ski jumping.

Last Saturday and Sunday at Mt. Norquay the best jumpers in North America demonstrated their skills under ideal conditions, but aside from the help and a few local skiers there wasn't much in the way of spectator interest.

A few Calgarians motored up to take in the spectacle, but in this part of the country it isn't a sport that stirs whatever it is that transforms sensible, temperate people into ravenous flag waving fans like you see at football games.

It isn't that ski jumping doesn't contain the necessary elements because it does. In Scandinavia, Finland, Yugoslavia and other ski jumping nations, more people will show up for one meet than they could cram into McMahon Stadium for eight foot.
AN OUTSIDER

Big White

X/27

In this last Lift Lines volume of the season, it might be a good idea to look at Western Canadian ski slopes through the eyes of an outsider.

Michael Manhart, a graduate engineer from Lech, Austria, has spent this winter skiing most major ski areas in B.C., Alberta and Washington, to observe lift systems, layouts, and management.

Manhart's family runs a large hotel in Lech, and manages the lift system, including seven chairlifts and T-bars, and two cable cars. As well, the family is involved in the operation of the nearby Zurs lift system where there are four major lifts and one cable car.

The high point of the season for Manhart was an unexpected climb up a mountain to a lookout spot.

"Silver Star is a nice family concern, the skiing is good, but not as challenging for good skiers as Big White. Being in park," continued Manhart, "the skiing is more interesting than at many resorts. The food is good in the chalet, and with the planned T-bar going in this summer from the bottom of the chairlift to the west ridge, there will be more powder skiing."  

Home is 1

By John Gorman

WEST CASTLE - Jungle Jim Hunter of Calgary is Canada's premier alpine skier, but he has trouble getting his act together for the home folks.

Last year in the World Cup giant slalom at Banff he lost a ski pole as it stuck in the starting gate. It left him with no chance to turn in a top time for the home crowd.

In this Swiss Alpine setting about 26 miles west of Flachau, Pfeifer Creek, Hunter took off in the West Castle National GS Saturday like a man possessed, but about the sixth gate he crashed and destroyed his hopes for that event.

Weekend by flu, but driven by desire, he launched out Sunday at a very tight slalom course, only to wind up with a time of 44.92 seconds after the first run, a scant 10.09 behind the low beam time of Russele Goodman in the dust, but battle. Hunter charged in his extruded Geo 4.66 but with Goodman's finish in the slalom gave him the chance to win a prestigious World Cup event.

The race, well run affair of the coaches, was excellent. It seems a good reason why they are in the competition.

Ski Canada

The comments of a British journalist about the fine, undevolved skiing in Canada, mentioned here two weeks ago, has brought a response from Air Canada. Something is being done to develop it. Under the airliner's Explore Canada fare policy "ski tours" to the western resorts are in their second year, and catching on fast. Last year Air Canada flew 3,000 people on these packages deals to Rocky Mountain resorts. This year the number of customers already totals 7,000, and before the season ends on May 21 the figure could be 10,000. As a comparative figure last year's figure for group fares to ski resorts in Europe was 1,000.

Air Canada could give no figures on individuals flying over there.

Almost half the people going to Banff, Jasper and Whistler Mountains last year were from Ontario, with 13 per cent from Quebec and 5 per cent from each from New York and Cleveland. Hans Genser, mountain guide, has been hired to publicise the venture. He has worked between Minnesota and New Jersey.

Jerry Lawrence of Air Canada says there is a continuing effort to improve amenities, especially the lodge. But there has been no attempt to interest Europeans. With the desolation of the dollar, rock bottom air fares and no shortage of snow like that in the Alps, there is obviously very fertile ground for the marketing department to work.
Skier escapes near fatality

Special to The Star

BANFF — It’s hard to keep eyes off the slopes, even harder for a skier racer.

Consider Robin Kingsmill of Don Mills, a member of the Pontiac Cup women’s ski team. She survived a close brush with death last Sunday but will compete in the series final at Jasper this weekend.

The 19-year-old racer injured her back training at Westcastle B.C., and was brought down the mountain side on a ski patrol toboggan. Somehow the toboggan came loose and she was thrown and over a bluff.

“IT’S a miracle she’s alive,” said Joyce Keesley of the Southern Ontario Ski Zone. “She came out of it with only some bad bruises.”

Of course the politicians are a part of the act, fingers wetted in the wind, trying to analyse the political significance of the changing values.

Anybody would be hard pressed to produce clear-cut answers on what is right and who is wrong in such a period of cultural transition. But change can almost always be depended upon to impose some hardships on someone in the chain.

For Calgarians there is a realistic social and cultural laboratory just seventy-five miles to the west. Nowhere in the country is there a more vivid exhibit of what happens.

Gelande set for April 8

Mt. Whitehorn will be the site of the 3rd Annual Lake Louise Gelande Contest on April 8 with the jumping getting underway at 12:00 noon.

The winners of this very exciting event will be Carling Breweries Ltd. and the Miller Ski Co., with both amateur and professional classes competing for cash and ski equipment prizes worth over $2,000.00.

The overall winner will also ski away with the Carling Cup.

Gelande contests always provide a lot of excitement and the accessibility of the jumping course provided by the Whitehorn Gondola ensures that non-skiers as well, will be able to take in all the spectacular aerial acrobatics.

The judging will be led by Bill Tanner of the Miller Ski Company.

For a very entertaining and

speaking on skiing

by FRASER MARTIN

Teams of Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA) members from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia will gather at Big White Ski area, Kelowna, B.C., on April 14 to compete in the MOLSTAR Pro Race for $2500.00 in prize money which has been put up for this event by Molson Breweries.

This will be a team race with each team consisting of the ski school director, one MOLSTAR Pacesetter and one full time instructor from the area represented by the team (all must be CSIA members).

The ski areas that qualify to enter must have held at least one MOLSTAR events during the season, with not less than 150 entrants in total.

Ski school personnel from across the country are very enthusiastic about this giant Slalom event, and with $2,000.00 going to the winning team the competitive spirit will be very high.

The $3,500.00 prize money has been donated by Molson because they feel this is one way of thinking the ski instructors who have helped to make the MOLSTAR races.

at a later date to see if you are improving.

I have entered several MOL-

STAR races this winter and

always get a real thrill out of run-

ning the gates. The most enjoy-

able race was the dual course set up at West End. I feel the idea of two races on the hill at the same time adds to the excitement of the event, and I hope it will be incorporated into all MOLSTAR races.

A “tip of the hat” to the Mol-


Canyon Downhill racers.

Martine Lesieur se rendra à la Coupe Pontiac à Banff

par Claude SAVARY

TROIS-RIVIERES — Même si la saison de ski est pratiquement terminée pour la plupart des skieurs de notre région, ce n’est pas encore le cas de nos valeureux compétiteurs.

En effet, c’est d’ici peu que se rendront participer en fin de semaine à la finale de la coupe du Québec qui sera course au Mont-Sainte-Anne. Ces skieurs sont Lucie Drolet de Mont-Carmel, Andrée Maillet et Lyne Dussault de Vallée du Fjord, Marco España et Monique Picard de La Tuque. Leur participation à la grande finale est attributable d’une façon plus particulière aux efforts qu’ils ont consentis tout au long de la saison dans les différentes compétitions de la zone.

D’autre part, la présence de Daniel Bergeron de Vallée du Fjord à cette course n’est pas encore assurée par le fait qu’il est possible que ce dernier participe à la semaine pré-

chaine à la finale de la coupe Pontiac à Banff.
**The Biggers**

Unemployment insurance? Say, man, that's the title of the biggest show 'on stage' in Canada today. In fact, it's playing on more than one stage simultaneously, on the floor of the House of Commons in Ottawa and the ski slopes of Banff National Park in Alberta, to name only two.

And talk about a cast of characters. There are politicians and civil servants, loafers and burnouts, and special 'benefit control officers' which some people refer to as the Canadian equivalent of the Gestapo. The box-office is hot. It's great! Unfortunately, the great bulk of it comes from the pockets of the Canadian taxpayer.

Some call it a tragedy, but there are those who say it's a comedy. Certainly, it has elements of both. It is, for example, ironic that members of an unofficial 'UC Ski Team' complete with their own sweaters, should flush down the slopes of Mount Norquay and reside in an International resort hotel, while receiving their benefit cheques.

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**The SKI SCENE**

By JOHN GORMAN

It had never occurred to me that an important clue to understanding the social and cultural fabric of this country could be found at a ski race near Pincher Creek.

But by gum, there it was at the West Castle National, a slalom and giant slalom test for Canada's top amateurs, held at the ski resort about 25 miles west of Pincher Creek town.

National team skiers have performed all over the world on all five continents, but it would be a good bet they have never run into such a cosmopolitan technical crew as the one that staged the West Castle National.

Chief of race was Jim Booker, a soft-spoken Englishman whose main occupation is technical superintendent at a gas plant.

His crew consisted of six of the seven local medi-
Hunter show

JASPER (AP) — National ski team members occupied top places in the Pan-American Cup slalom races at Jasper's Marmot Basin Friday with Jim Hunter of Calgary finishing through the official course in 65.20 and 49.17 seconds for first place.

Laurie Kreiser, Timmins, Ont., also of the national team, placed first in women's slalom in 66.73 and 48.39 seconds. Team mates Tony Pompino, Rome, Que., and Diane Culver, Montreal, finished second and third.

National ski team members, however, are not eligible for Pan-American Cup points.

Jasper Southend, B.C., was the top woman Pan-American Cup competitor in Friday's race. She put in runs of 60.86 and 48.38 seconds to earn 23 points for a total of 74 to date, good enough for a share of seventh place with Robie Kingmill of Toronto.

Phil Graves of Ottawa was the top man's Pan-American Cup competitor in the slalom in 60.23 and 51.72 seconds. However, Grant Rutherford of Rossland has already won the event with 144 points—44 ahead.

He was timed in two minutes, 36.75 seconds with the official run of 1:28.70 and 1:30.04. Another Camosco, Pete Gross, was second with 3:00.95 on a run of 1:27.59 and 1:30.14.

Pamela Fischer, also of Italy, was the season's ever-all winner in European Cup events although he missed the Pan-American Cup slalom event with an injury.

Joseph Leith of Austria was second.

In the women's section, Lisa Marie Mercier of Switzerland won the giant slalom with a single run of 1:17.22. Danielle Debeurme of France was second in 1:18. Betty Clifford of Old Chelsea, Que., was among skiers who fell.

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Austrian Harald Stoeckl dominated a field of professional skiers to win the giant slalom event of the Aspen Cup Friday and move into second place behind French ace Jean-Claude Killy in the over-all standings.

Killy, the series leader, had...